

Public Parade

Defining Acts

Well, our least favorite morning daily of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina has made another contribution of editorial hedge-hopping which could make them the indisputable title holder for inconsistency.

With the following series of events they have nominated themselves for this most feared of journalistic pitfalls:

First, Editor Claude Sitton is "sent" to Alabama just prior to North Carolina's first Presidential Primary in an attempt to crucify, with his writing genius, Gov. George Wallace.

Then on Tuesday, reporter John Coit is dispatched to Silver Spring, Md., to keep vigil over the wounded governor.

And if that wasn't obvious enough, the newspaper editorialized that the attempt on Gov. Wallace's life in Maryland could not be dignified by interpreting it as a political act. "It was an act of madness . . ."

In our opinion, the series of Mr. Sitton was designed to slay Gov. Wallace—with words as much so as the man behind the gun in a Maryland shopping center. Was Mr. Sitton's a "political act" or "an act of madness?"

Tennis In News

"Interest in tennis is mushrooming all over the state," proclaimed the N. C. Tennis Foundation, Inc., in its May 7 bulletin from Chapel Hill. And they cited the volunteer services of people along the Public Parade as a good example as to why it is happening.

"Not very long ago," they state, "in those cities with a tennis park or clubs with courts it really wasn't a problem getting on a court to play. Many smaller communities lacked facilities, or didn't keep up—maintain properly—the court or courts on hand because of a lack of real demand. But times certainly have changed in a hurry."

"Edenton had three weather-worn blacktop courts with chain-link nets, until last winter. Dr. Allen Hornthal requested and obtained funds from the Town Council with which to apply a latex coating and new nylon regulation nets. Dr. Hornthal then organized young and old enthusiasts who applied the surface material during a day's outing, at no cost."

"Next he persuaded the Edenton Rotary Club to light the courts. Now there is activity on all three courts from morning until midnight, seven days a week, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., reports, and the town now feels it should add more courts for community recreation."

And we concur!

Rediscovering Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens along the Public Parade and throughout the state and nation are being rediscovered. In the process, more and more emphasis is being placed on programs which benefit the older person.

The federal government is placing emphasis on adequate housing for older citizens. In Edenton, 100 units of low-rent public housing are being completed with 30 of the units being designed specifically for the elderly.

Gov. Bob Scott has designated May as Senior Citizens Month in North Carolina. Mayor George Alma Byrum has designated Sunday as Senior Citizens Day. Chowan County commissioners have designated May 21-27 as Senior Citizens Week here.

Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission are operating a Program on Aging in the 10-county area with a director and four coordinators at work pulling existing agency programs together, as well as encouraging new activities.

Also, Employment Security Commission

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Phillips Heads Eastern Press Group

ELIZABETH CITY—Loyal Phillips of Dear Publications & Radio, Inc., here, has been named president of Eastern North Carolina Press Association. He succeeds L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton. Amburn is publisher of The Chowan Herald.

Phillips and other new officers were elected Saturday morning at the close of the annual convention. The convention was held at Holiday Inn.

Other officers were: Tom Boney of the Alamance News, first vice president; Jack Whichard of the Greenville Reflector, second vice president; and Mrs. Ruth Grady of Warsaw, secretary-treasurer.

Board of directors include: Amburn, Jim Watson of Wilmington, Carl Worsley of Rocky Mount, Deward Jones of



Dr. Clifford Bair

Dr. Clifford Bair To Retire June 30

ELIZABETH CITY—Dr. Clifford Bair, chairman of the Fine Arts Department at College of The Albemarle, will retire June 30, it was announced recently. Dr. Bair has been associated with the community college since 1964.

In addition to his duties as department head, he is professor of music and director of Albemarle Choral Society with divisions in Edenton and here. He has directed a number of musical productions, including the recent Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Mikado."

Mrs. Ana Withers Bair has been associated with her husband at COA. She has also been organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton. The Bairs, who reside in Winslow Acres, plan to remain in the Albemarle Area.

Dr. Bair is a graduate of Chicago Music School and received his doctorate at the college in 1948. He did further study at Erestau, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria.

The professor is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who in Music and the Dance in the South and Southwest; and Biographical Encyclopedia of the World.

During his European studies, Dr. Bair laid foundations for his pioneer work toward establishing opera in America in English with native singers. His success as a teacher of singing led to his election to the American Academy of Teachers of Singing and to his appointment as the first regional governor of the Southwestern District, National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Special Week For Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens Month is May as proclaimed by Governor Bob Scott and Edenton Mayor George A. Byrum has set Sunday, May 21 as the day to pay tribute to senior citizens and the Chowan County Commissioners have set May 21 through 27 as the week to honor the aging citizens.

Mrs. Virginia Oliver, coordinator for the Program on Aging sponsored by Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, has stated that posters have been made throughout the schools in the 10 counties promoting May as Senior Citizen Month.

Churches in Chowan County have been contacted to promote senior citizens day in their sermons.

Southgate Mall has set up a week for senior citizens in the area to display or sell their arts and crafts. Mrs. Oliver states that you do not have to belong to a senior citizen club in order to participate.

Plans are in the making for a talent show to be held jointly with Chowan and Perquimans County senior citizens participating.

There are 1,128 senior citizens in

Mail Service Change Set For July 1

Postal patrons in Edenton are not expected to experience any substantial cut in service when, on July 1, Area Mail Processing becomes effective in this area, according to Postmaster James M. Bond. However, in order to get next day delivery in North Carolina, mail must be in the local post office an hour earlier in the afternoon—prior to 6 P. M.

Area Mail Processing is believed to be the most efficient and economical method yet of mail distribution, it is pointed out. Instead of mail being processed in a sectional center in Elizabeth City, all mail will go to Rocky Mount, except local mail so designated.

"The people will be somewhat inconvenienced not only by the hour earlier in outgoing mail, but in the fact that 'local' and 'out-of-town' packages must be designated or even local mail will go to Rocky Mount and back to Edenton," the postmaster said.

There apparently will be a loss of one employee at the post office and a cut-back of work for substitutes, he added. However, Bill Sexton has already moved to Ocracoke as officer in charge.

Currently all mail entering the Edenton Post Office is worked through outgoing distribution case for dispatch to the office of address. Beginning July 1, all outgoing mail entering the Edenton Post Office will be dispatched as raw mail to the Rocky Mount Sectional Center where distribution will be made. This means the "massing of mail" from Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City centers.

A new schedule of arrival and departure of mail for Edenton has been established. Mail will arrive here at 6:15 A. M., and depart at 6 P. M.; arriving about an hour later than usual and departing an hour earlier.

However, Postmaster Bond said he anticipated maintaining the same opening hours—8:30 A. M., to 5 P. M., Monday through Friday and 8:30 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Postmaster Bond said it appears that the effect on the local post office will not be as great as in some other areas. For example, the dispatching from Elizabeth City will be at 5:15 P. M. Therefore, mail deposited there after that time will not be dispatched from the post office until the same time on the following day.

He encouraged local postal patrons to be careful to sort local and out-of-town mail into separate bundles to insure quicker delivery.

Chowan County and 1,099 in Perquimans County, according to Mrs. Oliver.

Since February four coordinators, Mrs. Oliver, J. R. Swain, Mrs. Gail Driggers and Mrs. Mildred Hill have been working on the Program on Aging, under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., director of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission project.

This area covers 10 counties and these coordinators have been working to seek cooperation, coordination and communication among the already existing agencies, groups and institutions in the area.



SUPPORT HISTORIC EDENTON—The Edenton Historical Commission recently contributed \$5,000 to Historic Edenton, Inc., to apply towards a state matching grant. Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr., right, accepts the check from Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., vice chairman of the historical commission. At left is John A. Mitchener, Jr., commission treasurer. More money is needed so improvements can be made at the Barker House Visitor Center-Museum.



TALENT WINNERS — Belinda Byrum, sitting, and from left, Marta Rogerson, Janet Harrell, Lou Ann Bunch and Beechye Lou Ward, will represent Chowan County in district talent show on June 14. Each of the girls were awarded a \$5 prize from the Edenton Rotary Club for winning in county competition Friday night at Chowan High School. (Story and another picture on page 5-A).

Volunteer Firemen Aided

A fire service coordinator, to work with Albemarle Firemen's Association, will be employed for 10 Northeastern North Carolina counties. This was announced at a recent meeting of the executive committee of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

Wesley Cullipher, executive director of ARPDC, said funds for the position will come from the Emergency Employment Act. This is believed to be the

first such position in the state.

The coordinator will work with 35 volunteer fire departments in the Albemarle Area. Dennis Swain of Columbia is president of the firemen's association and Frank White of Center Hill-Crossroads is immediate past president.

Charles Skinner, Jr., of Hertford, and Luther C. Parks of Edenton, have also been prime movers in obtaining funds for this position.

It is anticipated that one of the first projects of the coordinator will be a regional emergency service communication system. Preliminary work on such a system has already begun.

Albemarle Area Development Association has been extremely interested in coordinating emergency services in the region and has encouraged the employment of a coordinator as well as the communication system.

ARPDC also has agreed to act as coordinator in the proposed project at Oregon Inlet and steps have already been taken to seek the assistance of Gov. Bob Scott in arranging a conference on the subject.

Action on this request from AADA last month was taken May 11 at a meeting of ARPDC's Executive Committee at the regional office here. W. B. Gardner, chairman, presided.

In other action, Cullipher was given permission to employ three PACE students for summer work at the regional office. Also, the Comprehensive Health Planning Personnel Committee was empowered to employ a health planner as they see fit.

During the meeting, committee members received a lengthy report from Bob Sykes, regional housing planner, on steps being taken to secure some type public housing program in the 10-county Albemarle Area. Sykes said he feels the best approach to take in an effort to rid the area of sub-standard housing lies in a combination of two groups:

1—A Regional Housing Authority which will seek and manage HUD-FHA public housing, and

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Homecoming Set

This Sunday will mark the 10th anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church, located on West Queen Street. Special speakers and music have been planned for the day and lunch will be served immediately following the 11 A. M., worship service, according to Rev. Paul Hawkins, pastor.

Speakers will include Rev. Russell Rice, a former pastor of the church; Dr. Roy Harrell, founder; and Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld, Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla.



Fehsenfeld

Special music will be presented by The Life Action Singers, a group of teenagers from various parts of the country. Associated with Mr. Fehsenfeld, these singers have been heard in 48 states, on TV and radio, and in over 300 churches.

Also on the program will be the adult choir of the church, The Williams Family, a trumpet solo and a ladies trio. Beginning Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock and nightly through Friday, the church will sponsor a Life Action Crusade with Mr. Fehsenfeld as guest evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary-homecoming celebration as well as the crusade services.

Concert Planned

The Spring Concert of John A. Holmes High School Band will be held on the Courthouse Green at 7:30 P. M., May 25, according to Richard L. Satterfield, director.

Satterfield announced that the concert will be presented as a tribute to the Town of Edenton and its upcoming 250th anniversary celebration.

The concert will feature all kinds of music, from classical, marches, pop, rock, etc. The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.

Surgeon To Move

Dr. William W. Bindeman, a surgeon with Chowan Medical Center, will leave June 1 to establish private practice in Roanoke Rapids. The announcement was made Wednesday by Dr. Richard Hardin for the Medical Center.

Dr. Bindeman has been associated with the medical group here for four and one-half years and has been head of the surgical staff at Chowan Hospital.

Dr. Hardin said several new surgeons have visited Edenton and shown the opportunity for surgical practice here. "However, no definite selection has yet been made," he stated.

Thomas M. Surratt, administrator of Chowan Hospital, said the hospital will have surgical coverage for the interim.